

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Inventor:	Alma Schurig, et al.	§	Atty.Dkt.No.:	5957-03700
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Title:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AN ENVIRONMENTALLY HARDENED ETHERNET NETWORK SYSTEM	§ § § § § § § § §	Conf. No.	8649

**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136 FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a 1 month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 within which to respond to the Official Action mailed June 21, 2007, such extension allowing the undersigned until October 22, 2007 (the next business day following a weekend), to respond.

A fee authorization is enclosed to cover this extension fee. However, if the fee authorization is missing or insufficient, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5957-03700/MKB.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 17, 2007

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